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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

QIN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/280,791

Filed: March 26, 1999

For: SPUNLACED POLY(VINYL ALCOHOL) FABRICS

Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Pratt, C.

M&G No.: 60086.0058US01

**REQUEST FOR RCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114 WITH SUBMISSION
AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 05, 2002, Applicants request further examination under 37 CFR 1.114 (RCE proceedings) in light of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants hereby request that the amendment below be entered into the record for consideration of Examiner Pratt in response to the November 05, 2002 Office Action.

Please amend the claims as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 22, 27-28, 37 and 39 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 8-21, 23, 26, 29-34 and 38 with replacement claims 8-21, 23, 26, 29-34 and 38 as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) The web of Claim 34, wherein the poly(vinyl alcohol) has a degree of polymerization of from about 1200 to about 2000.

9. (Twice Amended) The web of Claim 34, wherein the poly(vinyl alcohol) has a degree of hydrolysis greater than 80%.

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